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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

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MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 6TH.

THE General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened its fifth annual session at 1018 Arch street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1874, at 9.30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Keen, Corresponding Secretary of the Central Branch. Scripture was read, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Willing.

Mrs. Rev. Dr. Hibbard, of the New York Branch, was elected President of the Committee.

A motion was made and carried that the delegates of the Central Branch should nominate a Secretary and Assistant Secretary. In accordance with their nomination, Mrs. J. H. Knowles, of Newark, N. J., was chosen Secretary, with Mrs. Stevens, of Wilmington, Del., assistant.

The roll being called, the following representatives of the several branches responded:—

NEW ENGLAND.—Mrs. J. E. Latimer, Mrs. C. P. Taplin, Mrs. O. W. Scott.

NEW YORK.—Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mrs. F. G. Hibbard.

NORTHWESTERN.—Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. R. F. Queal, Mrs. G. M. Steele.

ST. LOUIS.—Mrs. L. E. Prescott, Mrs. U. B. Wilson, Mrs. M. C. Nind.

CENTRAL.—Mrs. J. F. Keen, Mrs. E. A. Johnson, Mrs. A. W. Rand.

CINCINNATI.—Mrs. G. E. Doughty, Mrs. L. A. Hagans, Mrs. H. M. Ingham.

BALTIMORE.—Miss Isabel Hart, Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Mrs. M. G. Hamilton.

The seats of the delegations having been arranged, the regular order of business was taken up. First, reading reports of Corresponding Secretaries,—that of New England by Mrs. Latimer, New York by Mrs. Skidmore, St. Louis by Mrs. Prescott, Northwestern by Mrs. Willing, Central by Mrs. Keen, Cincinnati by Mrs. Doughty, Baltimore by Miss Hart. These reports were heard with deep interest, and after their reading the President proposed, as an expression of the sentiment of the meeting, that all present should unite in singing the first and last verses of the hymn: "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

The reports of Treasurers were then given, showing receipts as follows:—

New England,	$11,062 90
New York,	13,854 86
Northwestern,	13,658 84
St. Louis,	5,684 64
Central,	4,932 10
Cincinnati,	10,867 47
Baltimore,	4,248 44
Total (currency)	$64,309 25

A motion was made by Mrs. Willing that Mrs. Daggett be invited to a seat with the New England delegation. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Johnson, recently returned missionary from India, was introduced, and made a few remarks. Rev. Mr. Weatherby, of India, was also introduced, and briefly addressed the committee. The order of business was then resumed.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:—

Committee on Publication.—Mrs. Doughty, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Nind, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hamilton.

Committee on Extension of Work.—Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Queal, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Hagans, Miss Hart.

Committee on Missionary Candidates.—Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Ingham, Mrs. Cowen.

Committee on Memorials —Miss Hart, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Queal, Mrs. Nind, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Hagans.

Committee on Revision of Constitution.—Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Ingham, Mrs. Cowen.

Finance Committee.—Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Doughty, Miss Hart, Mrs. Keen.

Mrs. Daggett presented the report of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Item 8 in order of business was then taken up, viz.: Reception of Memorials and Petitions. Communications from Mrs. Parker, of India were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance, they having power to refer as much as properly belonged to the Committee on Memorials to that Committee.

The order of business was suspended to give place to a few remarks from Mr. Weatherby upon Mrs. Parker's communications. On motion Mrs. Johnson was invited to be present with the Committee to which the above communications were referred.

The order of business was resumed.

A letter from Mrs. Dr. Butler was read and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Dr. Butler's estimates were referred to the Committee on Finance. A paper from Dr. Eddy, and the estimates from Kiu Kiang, were referred to the same Committee.

A communication from Mrs. Ing of China, and one from Liberia, were referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

The order of business was then suspended to give time before the close of the session for miscellaneous business.

Mrs. Willing presented a communication in reference to work in New Mexico, which was ruled out, as not within the province of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The place and time of meeting for the Standing Committees was announced.

Miss Hart offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the first half hour of each session be spent in devotional exercises, at which all delegates and returned missionaries are especially urged to be present.

The resolution was adopted, and Mrs. Steele was appointed to lead the devotions the following morning.

The Committee adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 7TH.

After a half hour spent in devotional exercises the Committee was called to order by the President at 9.30 A. M.

The unfinished business of the previous day was resumed, viz.: Reception of Memorials and Petitions.

A communication from Dr. Maclay, Superintendent of Missions in Japan, was read, and referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

A communication of Rev. S. L. Baldwin, with estimates for work in China, was referred to the Committee on Finance. An extract of a letter from M. H. Wood, relative to work in South America, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Sites, returned missionary from China, was introduced, also Mrs. Thomas, returned missionary from India.

Mrs. Skidmore moved that the Standing Committee have permission to invite the missionaries present to attend their sessions. The motion was carried.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Hagans, was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretaries of the several branches be a committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the General Executive Committee meetings, and to plan work for its sessions and report the same at the opening of said committee.

A motion was made and carried, that the reports from Standing Committees be presented immediately after unfinished business at the commencement of the morning sessions.

An interesting letter was read from a converted Chinese woman, Wong Tingai, of Hung Moi, China, translated by Mrs. Baldwin. At the suggestion of the President amid deep feeling the following verses were sung:

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
  He sets the prisoner free,
His blood can make the foulest clean,
  His blood avails for me.

O! that the world might taste and see
  The riches of his grace,
The arms of love that compass me
  Would all mankind embrace.

Reports of Standing Committees were called for. A partial report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Mrs. Latimer, Secretary of Committee. (For report in full, see Appendix No. 5.)

On motion, the report was considered item by item. The first item, after a general discussion, was adopted. The second item was re-committed, the third adopted, the fourth returned to the committee for revision.

A motion was made and carried that Mrs. Bishop Simpson be requested to address the ladies upon the subject of her visit to Mexico.

Announcements of meetings of Committees were given. Also, a notice of the Anniversary to be held in the evening in Arch Street M. E. Church, the addresses to be made by Mrs. Steele of Wisconsin, Mrs. Hibbard of Clifton Springs, New York, Mrs. Johnson of India, and Mrs. Skidmore of New York.

On motion the Committee adjourned at 12.30.

Friday Morning, May 8th.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Wright.

At 9.30 A. M. the regular order of business was commenced.

Reports of Standing Committees were called for and the Committee on Finance presented the items of their report, which had been re-committed the previous day.

The second item was adopted by a rising vote. The fourth item was adopted. (See Report in full in Appendix No. 5.)

The Committee on Extension of Work presented a partial report, the third item of which was adopted. (See Appendix No. 2.)

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Willing, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Extension of Work be requested to consider the feasibility of further correspondence with the Superintendent of the Bulgarian Mission, with a view to sending thither two missionary teachers during the year, by the action of the Committee of Reference, if the condition of our finances will warrant a provisional appropriation for that purpose.

Item 2 of the Report on Extension of Work was recommitted with the same instructions as are contained in the foregoing resolution in reference to Bulgaria.

No other Committees being ready to report, miscellaneous business was called for.

A paper was presented from the St. Louis Branch petitioning for change of headquarters of that Branch.

On motion the petition was granted, and permission was given to the Branch officers to select a name for the Branch.

Mrs. Johnson offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the name of the Central Branch be changed to Philadelphia Branch.

Carried.

Mrs. Latimer offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the petition for a sanitarium in Foochow to be built in connection with the Parent Board, be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Carried.

The time and place of meeting of Standing Committees was announced. The 628th hymn was sung, and the Committee adjourned at 11.30 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 9TH.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Nind. At the appointed hour the regular business of the Committee was commenced.

A letter from Mrs. Dr. Butler to Mrs. Bishop Simpson, respecting work in Mexico, was read ; also a note from Mrs. Simpson's namesake in the Mexican Orphanage.

Reports of Standing Committees being called for, Mrs. Ingham, Secretary of Committee on Missionary Candidates gave a partial report which was adopted item by item.

A partial report of the Committee on Memorials and Petitions was presented by Mrs. Nind, and adopted.

A motion was made and carried, that item 11 in the published order of business be considered.

Miss Hart gave a cordial invitation to the Executive Committee to hold their next session in Baltimore.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Willing, was adopted :—

Resolved, That we accept the invitation of the Baltimore Branch to hold the next session of the General Executive Committee in that city; this decision, however, to be subject to the judgment of the Committee of Reference, said Committee being requested to report as early as possible.

The following motion was offered by Mrs. Queal :—

That we instruct the Committee of Reference on condition the General Executive Committee does not meet in Baltimore next year, that it shall meet in Evanston.

Pending the discussion of this motion the following substitute was offered by Mrs. Doughty, and accepted :—

Resolved, That if the Committee of Reference find it inexpedient to go to Baltimore, they shall appoint the next session of the General Executive Committee within the bounds of the Western Branch, if convenient for that Branch, or if not, at Evanston.

Adopted.

The following resolution was passed :—

Resolved, That the St. Louis Branch shall hereafter be known as the Western Branch.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 11.30 A. M.

Monday Morning, May 11th.

The Committee met at the residence of Mrs. Keen, 1209 Arch Street.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Willing, from 9 to 9.30 A. M.

The regular business session commenced at the appointed time.

The Committee on Publication presented their report, which was adopted item by item. (See Appendix No. 1.)

A motion was made and carried that 500 copies of the Minutes be published.

The Committee on Finance made a partial report, which was adopted item by item.

A motion was made by Mrs. Skidmore that the part of Mrs. Parker's letter relating to Mrs. Buck be referred to the Committee on Memorials; also, that part relating to the Letter of Instructions. The motion prevailed.

The Committee on Extension of Work presented their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix No. 2.)

Announcements were made for evening services, and for Standing Committee meetings. The doxology was sung, and Committee adjourned.

Tuesday Morning, May 12th.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Hagans.

The order of business was entered upon at the appointed time.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates presented their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix No. 3.)

Item 3 of this report occasioned discussion, the question arising whether the homeopathic school is excluded in the practice of the lady physicians of the W. F. M. S. It was decided that while a diploma from an allopathic college is required, the practice is left to the necessities arising in each case.

A motion was made by Mrs. Keen and carried, that the Corresponding Secretaries presenting the papers of these Missionary Candidates should give a short verbal sketch of those just accepted by this Board. In accordance with this motion a short account of each one was given, and letters from some of the young ladies were read. Upon motion, two minutes were spent in silent prayer for these young ladies, accompanied with thanksgiving to God for His gracious gifts to them and to this Society, followed by a short prayer led by Mrs. Skidmore.

Before entering upon this season of prayer, the following resolution was offered by Mrs. Willing:—

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the parents of Miss Josephine Copp, who, under appointment for India, has been transferred to the home above.

The resolution was carried.

After prayer these words were sung:—

His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim,
'Tis all my business here below,
To cry, Behold the Lamb!

Happy if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his name.
Preach him to all and cry in death,
Behold, behold the Lamb!

The following offered by Mrs. Willing was carried:—

Resolved, That we give place in our published minutes to a statement of of the birth-place, place of education, date of sailing, and present appointment of all missionaries in the employ of our Society, and also those accepted by the General Executive Committee for future work.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution made their report, which was not adopted.

The following resolution presented by Mrs. Taplin was adopted :—

Resolved, That the proposed amendment of article 5, section 2, paragraph 3, of the Constitution be plainly stated, and action upon it be referred to the next General Executive Committee Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The following notice of the proposed change was then given by Mrs. Ingham, Secretary of Committee on Revision :—

That article 5, section 2, paragraph 3, be so amended as to read, "To publish the missionary paper of the Society, appointing therefor the agent, the editor, and the editorial contributors; the publication of an annual report being left to a Special Committee."

Miscellaneous business being in order, Mrs. Bishop Simpson gave some interesting statements in relation to Mexico.

Mrs. Latimer moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Simpson for the very interesting and instructive remarks relating to our mission in Mexico. Carried by a rising vote.

Miss Hart moved that the Committee now adjourn for Standing Committee sessions, to meet again in open session to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Motion prevailed. Adjourned.

Wednesday Morning, May 13th.

The regular business session was postponed in order to give time to complete the Report of the Finance Committee.

The morning was spent in prayer, followed by a Love Feast. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Hibbard by reading the 3d Chapter of Ephesians. The hymn, "Love divine, all love excelling," was sung, and after the opening prayer the time was fully occupied in voluntary prayers and testimonies. A full record of this meeting cannot be given, for it is beyond the power of pen to describe the heavenly influence which filled the place.

The secret springs of the power of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were revealed, and with the Psalmist every heart adoringly exclaimed, "All my springs are in Thee!"

Meeting adjourned at 11½ A. M.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Committee met at 2 P. M. in the Bishop's Room, at 1018 Arch Street. The session was opened with prayer by Mrs. Willing.

The Committee on Memorials and Petitions presented items 3, 4, 5 of their report, which were adopted. (See Appendix No. 4.)

Bishop Simpson entered the room, and spoke a few encouraging words, endorsing heartily the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was considered item by item, and adopted.

The estimates from foreign missions were considered, and the appropriations for the ensuing year were made as follows:—

AGGREGATE APPROPRIATIONS.

India,		$22,685 00
China,		23,207 00
Mexico,		6,902 00
Japan,		1,920 00
South America,		2,572 00
Bulgaria,		200 00
Africa,		200 00
Provisional,		3,150 00
Total,	(Gold)	$60,836 00

APPROPRIATIONS BY BRANCHES.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

India.

Moradabad Home,	$1,500 00	
" Christian girls' school,	200 00	
" twelve city schools,	250 00	
" five Bible women,	250 00	
" Medical work,	200 00	
Bareilly Orphanage,	360 00	
" Miss Swain's salary,	750 00	
" Medical work,	540 00	
Amroha, Kant and Bashta schools,	125 00	
" Martha's Vineyard Bible women,	100 00	
Budaon, eight schools and five Bible women,	300 00	
Bijnour, girls' schools and Bible women,	250 00	
Roy Bareilly,	300 00	
Total for India,	———	$5,125 00

China.

Peking, Miss Brown's salary,	$750 00	
" School work,	400 00	
" Hospital,	1,000 00	
Total for China,	———	2,150 00

South America.

Miss Chapin's salary,	$750 00	
Mission work,	600 00	
Personal teacher,	72 00	
Total for South America,		$1,422 00

Mexico.

Orphanage,	$240 00	
Bible woman,	60 00	
Work at Pachuca,	250 00	
Total for Mexico,		550 00
Provisional fund,		1,000 00
Total appropriations for N. E. Branch,		$10,247 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

India.

Bareilly Orphanage,	$1,000 00	
" nine girls' schools,	150 00	
" four Bible women,	240 00	
Alligunge, one Bible woman,	60 00	
Khera Bajhera school,	100 00	
Moradabad, Miss Pultz' salary,	750 00	
" Medical lady,	2,500 00	
" one Bible woman,	60 00	
" Zenana teachers,	300 00	
" Home,	500 00	
Lucknow, three Bible women,	180 00	
" Scholarship,	30 00	
" Miss Monelle's salary,	750 00	
" Medical work,	350 00	
Budaon, school and Bible women,	440 00	
Panahpore, zenana schools,	300 00	
Eastern Kumaon, Medical Bible woman,	100 00	
Total for India,		7,810 00

Japan.

Mission work,	100 00

China.

Foochow, medical lady,	$2,500 00	
" Dispensary,	300 00	
Peking, Hospital,	250 00	
Total for China,		3,050 00

Bulgaria.

Native teacher,	100 00

Mexico.

Miss Hastings' salary,	$750 00	
Bible woman,	60 00	
Orphanage,	1,080 00	
Total for Mexico,		1,890 00
Provisional fund,		1,000 00
Total appropriations for N. Y. Branch,		$13,950 00

NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

China.

Foochow, Miss S. Woolston's salary,	$750 00	
Six deaconesses,	100 00	
Kiu Kiang, Salaries of Misses Howe and Hoag,	1,500 00	
" House rent for 1874,	850 00	
" Home for missionary ladies,	2,000 00	
" two Bible women,	100 00	
" 1 do. for 1873,	75 00	
" Rent for 1873,	500 00	
" Matron and furniture for school,	100 00	
Peking, hospital,	250 00	
Total for China,		$6,225 00

Mexico.

Miss Cooper's salary,	$350 00	
Personal teacher for two ladies,	120 00	
Four orphans in City of Mexico,	200 00	
Provisional for Bible women,	60 00	
Pachuca, Home,	500 00	
Total for Mexico,		1,230 00

Japan.

Missionary teacher, outfit and salary,	1,500 00

South America.

Miss Denning's salary,	$750 00	
Bible women in Rosario,	100 00	
Total for South America,		850 00

Bulgaria.

Missionary work,	100 00

India.

Lucknow, Miss Tinsley's salary,	$750 00	
" Miss Rowe's salary,	250 00	
" Christian girl's school,	400 00	
" eight scholarships in Christian girls' school,	60 00	

Paori Orphanage,	150 00	
" Medical work,	100 00	
Sreenugger, girls' school,	100 00	
" Bible woman,	50 00	
Moradabad, Bible woman,	60 00	
Sumbhal and Chandousi schools,	100 00	
Bareilly, orphanage,	300 00	
Total for India,		2,320 00
Provisional,		500 00
Total appropriation for N. W. Branch,		$12,725 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

India.

Moradabad, Home,	$200 00	
Bareilly, Orphanage,	360 00	
Cawnpore, Bible woman,	150 00	
Lucknow, city schools,	400 00	
" Mrs. Joya Mooney's salary,	180 00	
" " " horse and buggy,	100 00	
Paori, Orphanage,	40 00	
Total for India,		1,430 00

China.

Peking, Miss Comb's salary,	$750 00	
" Teacher for 1873,	120 00	
" Hospital,	2,000 00	
Kiu Kiang, Bible woman,	100 00	
Total for China,		2,970 00

Mexico.

City Orphanage,	$160 00	
Pachuca, home and school building,	250 00	
Total for Mexico,		410 00

South America.

Mission work,	100 00
Provisional,	350 00
Total appropriations for Phila. Branch,	$5,260 00

WESTERN BRANCH.

India.

Bareilly, Orphange,	$480 00	
Moradabad, Miss Blackmar's salary,	750 00	
" Christian Girls' school,	200 00	

Paori, Girls' Orphanage,	60 00	
Seetapore, schools and Bible women,	120 00	
Budaon, Bible woman,	60 00	
Gondah and Baraich,	200 00	
Total for India,		1,870 00
China.		
Kiu Kiang, boarding school,	$400 00	
" Teacher,	60 00	
Peking, Miss Porter's salary,	750 00	
" Matron,	50 00	
" Teacher,	100 00	
Total for China,		1,360 00
Mexico.		
City Orphanage building,	$160 00	
Provisional, Bible woman,	60 00	
Pachuca, Home,	250 00	
Total for Mexico,		470 00
Japan.		
Personal teacher,		120 00
South America.		
Rosario, mission work,		200 00
Total appropriation for Western Branch,		$4,020 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

India.		
Bareilly, Orphanage,	$300 00	
" Miss Leming's salary,	750 00	
Lucknow, Miss Thoburn's salary,	750 00	
" three Bible women,	180 00	
" two scholarships in Christian schools,	60 00	
Barabanki, Girls' school,	100 00	
Shahjehanpore, Girls' school,	300 00	
Moradabad, Home,	800 00	
" Bible woman,	60 00	
Hurdui Bible woman,	60 00	
Total for India,		3,360 00
China.		
Foochow, six deaconesses,	$100 00	
" three day schools,	320 00	
" schoolroom furniture,	200 00	

Kiu Kiang, medical missionary,	2,500 00	
" Provisional for do.,	500 00	
" Personal teacher for do.,	100 00	
" Home,	1,000 00	
Peking, Home,	500 00	
Total for China,		5,220 00

Mexico.

City, four orphans,	$160 00	
Pachuca, Miss Warner's salary,	750 00	
" Personal teacher,	72 00	
" Six months' rent for home and school,	210 00	
" Furniture for school,	100 00	
" Home,	500 00	
Total for Mexico,		1,792 00
Provisional,		300 00
Total appropriations for Cincinnati Branch,		$10,672 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

China.

Foochow, Miss B. Woolston's salary,	$750 00	
" School,	700 00	
" Insurance,	45 00	
" Watchman,	42 00	
" Physician for school,	60 00	
" Day school,	480 00	
Kiu Kiang, Teacher,	30 00	
" School,	75 00	
" Books,	50 00	
Total for China,		$2,232 00

India.

Bareilly, Orphanage,	$150 00	
" Bible woman,	240 00	
Moradabad, Medical women,	240 00	
" Bible woman,	60 00	
Pali, Bible woman,	80 00	
Total for India,		770 00

Mexico.

Orphanage,	$250 00	
Bible woman,	60 00	
Pachuca,	250 00	
Total for Mexico,		560 00

Africa, ...	200 00
Japan.	200 00
Total appropriation for Balt. Branch,	$3,962 00

Mrs. Queal offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That all Branch Treasurers are required through the coming year to send their remittances through the Missionary Secretaries of the Parent Board.

Mrs. Hagans moved that a vote of thanks be given through the Secretary of this Committee, to the Secretaries of the Parent Board, for their services in remitting to foreign missions the funds of the W. F. M. S. Carried.

Mrs. Hagans offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretaries be instructed to furnish delegates to the General Executive Committee with Certificates of Election.

Carried.

The following was also offered by Mrs. Hagans:—

Resolved, That the amount of real estate owned by the W. F. M. S. in foreign fields be reported at the next meeting of the General Executive Committee, and that a Committee be appointed to make such report.

Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Scott, that the aggregate amounts appropriated to each mission field be entered upon the minutes, immediately preceding the Branch appropriations. Carried.

The following, offered by Mrs. Scott, was adopted:—

Resolved, That each year the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the Executive Committee may be held, be a Committee to arrange for the Anniversary and fix the date of the meeting of the Executive Committee.

The following, offered by Mrs. Ingham, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby tender to the people of this city an expression of our deep gratitude for the generous hospitality we have everywhere received. The name Philadelphia will always suggest to us its own beautiful significance, and the more than "brotherly love" which has been lavished upon us will be among the most precious reminisences of our lives.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Cowen, was adopted by a rising vote :—

Resolved, That recognizing that the efficiency and interest of our sessions have been largely due to the acceptable labors of our President and Secretaries, we hereby tender them our grateful thanks.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Skidmore ; the minutes were read and approved, and the Committee adjourned *sine die*.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

Report of Committee on Publication.

1. *Resolved*, That we desire to express our high appreciation of the services rendered by our editor, Mrs. Dr. Warren, and our regret on account of her absence from the meeting of the General Executive Committee, and we recommend her retention in the Editorial Chair, on the same terms as last year, her postage and stationery being provided from the proceeds of the paper.

2. *Resolved*, That we are assured of Mrs. Daggett's continued interest in the publication of the "Friend," and advise her re-election on the terms proposed by her, viz: $100 in addition to the $500 heretofore received provided the proceeds of the paper meet that demand.

3. *Resolved*, That as the Constitution provides for an Auditor for each Branch Treasurer, we advise that an Auditor be appointed for the accounts of the "Friend," and that Mr. J. P. Magee of Boston, be appointed for that purpose.

4. *Resolved*, That in view of the exigencies that may arise by death or other changes, we deem it prudent to have the Committee of Reference empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of the Agent or Editor.

5. *Resolved*, That the paper be continued in its present form — that increasing effort be made to add to its circulation as a fruitful source of help to our work, and we also recommend a jealous care on the part of the Corresponding Secretaries of Auxiliaries, that the subscribers receive their papers promptly and regularly.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend the publishing of the minutes of this General Executive Committee, with the Order of Business, and Rules of Order, under the direction of the following Committee: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Daggett, the expense incurred to be met from the surplus funds of the "Friend," now in trust.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. G. H. Doughty, *Chairman*.
Mary C. Nind, *Secretary*.

No. 2.

Report of Committee on Extension of Work.

1. *Resolved*, That we adopt the work in Bulgaria demanded of us, viz: the support of a native Bible woman, and that we instruct Mrs. Skidmore to hold correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Flocken with regard to the further needs of the work there, and report the same at the next session of the General Executive Committee.

2. *Resolved*, That the time has now come when we may, and ought to enter Africa — that we undertake the support of a native teacher in Bassa — and that Miss Hart be requested to correspond with the Secretary of the Liberia Conference as to the further needs of the work there, and report at next session of General Executive Committee.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend sending at least one lady teacher to Japan.

Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, *Chairman.*
Isabel Hart, *Secretary.*

No. 3.

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

Deeply conscious of the importance of the interests confided to their care, the Committee have earnestly implored the direction of the Higher Wisdom.

After careful consideration of the papers presented, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

1. *Resolved*, That Miss Sigourney Trask having been accepted by the Executive Board three years ago, and having waited until now only to complete her medical course, her testimonials are satisfactory in every respect, and she is therefore unanimously recommended.

2. *Resolved*, That we find the testimonials of Miss Annie E. Ritchie satisfactory, and recommend her to the Board.

3. *Resolved*, That the papers of Fanny E. White, M. D., be returned to her, with the expression of our regret that we cannot, notwithstanding the pressing need of Medical Missionaries, immediately avail ourselves of her services, but that a diploma from an Allopathic Medical College will be essential as a condition of her acceptance by the Executive Board.

4. *Resolved*, That Miss Letitia Mason having been accepted a year ago, on condition that she furnish a medical diploma, she is now cordially recommended to the Board, that condition having been fulfilled.

5. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Julia Lore, M. D., are found entirely satisfactory.

6. *Resolved*, That Miss Julia Sparrs' testimonials are accepted.

7. *Resolved*, That we accept the papers of J. E. Walton, M. D.

8. *Resolved*, That we find the testimonials of Miss Henrietta C. Ogden satisfactory.

Mrs. J. F. Keen, *Chairman.*
Mrs. H. M. Ingham, *Secretary.*

No. 4.

Report of Committee on Memorials.

1. The Committee on Memorials met at the call of the Chairman, and listened to a letter of greeting from Mrs. Dr. Butler, to which Miss Hart was requested to respond.

2. The Memorial from Rev. Mr. Baldwin of Foochow was presented and the following resolution unanimously adopted: —

Whereas, this Society has received from its Missionaries no intimation that a Sanitarium is a necessity, or desideratum, and whereas this Committee is not convinced that said Sanitarium is a necessity or desideratum for the Missionaries of the W. F. M. S., therefore,

Resolved, That this Committee deem it inexpedient to assume any part of the expense of a Sanitarium in Foochow.

3. *Resolved*, That the 3rd article in "Letter of Instructions" be amended so as to read "Every Missionary employed by this Society is required to give at least five years of continuous service as a single woman to the Mission-work assigned her, and should she, for any reason (sickness excepted) withdraw from the work of the Society, before the expiration of that term, she will be required to refund to the Society the amount spent upon her outfit and passage.

4. *Resolved*, That we require our Missionaries to signify their acquiescence in the "Letter of Instructions" by subscribing their names thereto.

Whereas, a comunication referring to the case of Mrs. Buck, and the Letter of Instructions to our Missionaries has been received by the General Executive Committee, and by them referred to the Committee on Memorials, therefore

Resolved, That we recognize that Mrs. Buck has complied with the financial requirements demanded of her, and thus made all the reparation in her power.

Respectfully submitted.

Isabel Hart, *Chairman.*
Mary C. Nind, *Secretary.*

No. 5.

Report of Committee on Finance.

1. *Whereas*, the question of salary for Missionaries in South America having been definitely fixed, therefore

Resolved, That the salaries of all our Missionaries be uniform, $750 per annum, being the amount.

2. *Resolved*, That one personal teacher be supplied for our South American Missionaries for this year.

3. *Resolved*, That we apportion the sum of $100 for two South American Bible women, who are described as possessing unusual qualification for the work.

4. *Resolved*, That $1000 be appropriated to cover the rental of a suitable building for orphanage and home in South America.

5. *Resolved*, That we pay the estimated amount for the home in Pachuca, provided we are assured that the property can be secured by title to the W. F. M. S.

6. *Resolved*, That we suggest correspondence between the Committee of Reference and different localities of our mission fields, as follows, in order that thorough information may be obtained with regard to all parts of our work: Bulgaria and Kiu Kiang, Mrs. Skidmore; Japan, Mrs. Willing; Peking and Mexico, Mrs. Keen; Oude District, Mrs. Doughty; Foochow and Africa, Miss Hart; Kumaon and part of Rohilcund District, Mrs. Prescott; South America and the rest of Rohilcund District, Mrs Latimer.

7. *Resolved*, That the funds of the W. F. M. S. be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for purposes designated at Executive Meetings—balances remaining with Treasurers in foreign fields to be reported to the General Executive Committee subject to its disposal.

8. *Resolved*, That when requisitions are made upon the General Executive Committee for money for building purposes, a statement shall be made of the whole amount that will probably be required for the purpose named.

9. *Resolved*, That we regret our inability to comply with the request of the India Conference to change the time of our financial year, such compliance involving Constitutional amendment.

10. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. Parker to continue to act as our Treasurer in India, and if she is unable to serve that the Committee of Reference be empowered to appoint one in her place.

11. *Resolved*, That the fifth article of the Rules respecting Missionaries be so amended as to read, "A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent, giving an itemized account of receipts and disbursements of all fees received in medical service; such money shall be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being credited to her Branch.

12. *Resolved*, That if the North Western Branch after making its first payments shall find its finances equal to added work, it shall have liberty to send a Medical Missionary or Missionary Teacher to Paori, India.

Mrs. J. F. Willing, *Chairman*.
Mrs. J. E. Latimer, *Secretary*.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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1. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose bounds the Committee shall meet, shall conduct the opening exercises. Then shall follow: —
2. The calling of the Roll.
3. Election of President and Secretary.
4. Reception of reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Treasurers' Reports.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees, viz: Committee on Publication, on Finance, on Extension of Work. on Applications of Missionary Candidates.
7. Report of the Agent of the "Heathen Woman's Friend."
8. Reception of Memorials and Petitions.
9. Reports of the India Secretary, and information from foreign work.
10. Reception of Estimates.
11. Fixing place of next Meeting.
12. Appointment of Committee on Anniversaries.
13. Notices of constitutional Amendments.
14. Appointment of Committee of Reference.
15. Miscellaneous Business.

Rules of Order.

1. Each session of the committee shall open and close with religious exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No lady shall leave the room without permission from the Chair.